

## CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A nonstandard-sized transaction card comprising a storage means for storing information wherein the nonstandard-sized transaction card comprises a length  
5 measurement and a width measurement, wherein both the length and width measurements are each less than about 1 inch.
2. The nonstandard-sized transaction card of claim 1 wherein the storage means is a magnetic stripe.
3. The nonstandard-sized transaction card of claim 2 wherein the magnetic stripe is  
10 parallel to an edge of the nonstandard-sized transaction card.
4. The nonstandard-sized transaction card of claim 1 further comprising an aperture disposed through the transaction card.
5. A nonstandard-sized transaction card comprising a storage means for storing information wherein the nonstandard-sized transaction card comprises a length  
15 measurement and a width measurement wherein the length measurement is greater than about 3 inches.
6. The nonstandard-sized transaction card of claim 5 wherein the storage means is a magnetic stripe.
7. The nonstandard-sized transaction card of claim 6 wherein the magnetic stripe is  
20 parallel to an edge of the nonstandard-sized transaction card.
8. The nonstandard-sized transaction card of claim 5 further comprising an aperture disposed through the transaction card.

9. A nonstandard-sized transaction card comprising a storage means for storing information, wherein the nonstandard-sized transaction card comprises a length measurement and a width measurement wherein the length measurement is between about 1 inch and about 3 inches, and further wherein the width measurement comprises a range  
5 selected from the group consisting of less than about 1 inch and greater than about  $1 \frac{7}{8}$  inches.

10. The nonstandard-sized transaction card of claim 9 wherein the storage means is a magnetic stripe.

11. The nonstandard-sized transaction card of claim 10 wherein the magnetic stripe is  
10 parallel to an edge of said nonstandard-sized transaction card.

12. The nonstandard-sized transaction card of claim 9 further comprising an aperture disposed through the transaction card.

13. A nonstandard-sized transaction card having at least one set of opposing sides that are not parallel to each other, wherein the nonstandard-sized transaction card comprises a  
15 length measurement comprising a range selected from the group consisting of between about 1 inch and about  $1 \frac{7}{8}$  inches and greater than about 3 inches, and further wherein the nonstandard-sized transaction card comprises a width measurement comprising a range selected from the group consisting of less than about 1 inch and greater than about  $1 \frac{7}{8}$  inches.

20 14. The nonstandard-sized transaction card of claim 13 further comprising a storage means for storing information relating to a transaction account.

15. The nonstandard-sized transaction card of claim 14 wherein the storage means comprises a magnetic stripe.

16. The nonstandard-sized transaction card of claim 15 wherein the magnetic stripe is disposed parallel to an edge of said transaction card.
17. The nonstandard-sized transaction card of claim 16 wherein the magnetic stripe is parallel to one of the sides of the set of opposing sides that are not parallel to each other.
- 5 18. The nonstandard-sized transaction card of claim 14 further comprising an aperture disposed through the transaction card.
19. A transaction card comprising a magnetic stripe, wherein the magnetic stripe has a measurement comprising a range selected from the group consisting of less than about 1 inch and greater than about 3 3/8 inches.
- 10 20. The transaction card of claim 19 wherein the transaction card is a nonstandard-sized transaction card.
21. The transaction card of claim 19 wherein the magnetic stripe is parallel to an edge of the transaction card.
22. The transaction card of claim 19 further comprising an aperture disposed through the
- 15 transaction card.